



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Confirmation No.: 9352

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Art Unit: 3748

Application No.: 10/743,870

Examiner: B. Tran

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For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE, AND ENGINE CONTROL UNIT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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September 19, 2006

Sir:

Upon the filing of the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2006, entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.